go into that because Mr. Salve was also a Minister in I and B.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER : One grandfather has already admitted.

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA : Usually the principle that is followed whenever such a thing comes up is, a Cabinet note is sent to all the departments. I am not sure whether the previous Government sent it to the Defence Ministry. But I suppose all the department's notes came in according to the Cabinet's Memo of circulation. I will have to check it up and answer.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE : Sir, the installation of an antenna has not been permitted for the civilians who reside in that area where an ordnance factory is located at Bhandara. The Defence Minister had done that.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Defence Minister was the Chief Minister when this question came up.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER : What a bad legacy, Sir ?

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA : Any licence to be given is controlled by the Department of Telecommunication and they being the nodal agency deal with other departments as well, including Defence department.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Financial requirements for fertilizer projects

*143. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have set up an inter-ministerial working group to study the financial requirements for setting up fertilizer projects during the Eighth Plan period ;

(b) if so, by when the study group would submit its report ;

(c) whether the production of fertilizer by public sector enterprises is not upto the mark ; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to tone up the production capacity of fertilizer units in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA (MOHAN) : (a) and (b) On 24th March, 1992, Inter-Ministerial Committee for assessing and quantifying the requirement of funds and for identifying the possible sources of funds for various fertilizer projects in the public and cooperative sectors that are under consideration. The Committee expects to submit its report by June, 1992.

(c) Except the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (HFC) and the Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI), which are old loss making companies in the public sector, the other public sector fertilizer companies are performing well in terms of fertilizer production.

(d) The overall production performance of the fertilizer industry has been satisfactory, as is evident from 88.5% capacity utilisation in the case of nitrogenous plants and 93% in the case of phosphatic plants during 1991-92.

To improve production further, Government is encouraging various units to undertake revamping/retrofit measures which can increase production and improve viability.

Transfer of Rocket Technology from Russia

*146. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia has suspended transfer of rocket technology to India ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) what is the latest position about the contract signed between Russian and Indian space agencies about transfer of rocket technology ; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take for transfer of rocket technology from Russia ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The programme has been progressing on schedule for realising the Geo-stationary Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) with cryogenic engine in 1995.

(d) Does not arise.

Unemployed Graduate Engineers in Assam

*147. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of unemployed graduate engineers in Assam at present;

(b) since when they are unemployed; and

(c) whether any scheme has been chalked out by Government either State or Central to provide employment to those engineers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) As per the information available on the basis of certain studies made in 1990, the estimated number of unemployed degree holders in Engineering in Assam was 140. Information regarding the period for which they were unemployed is not available.

The Eighth Five Year Plan envisages a geographically and crop-wise diversified agricultural development, development of rural non-farm sector, faster growth of small and decentralised manufacturing, expansion of housing, health services and education and strengthening of infrastructure like energy, transport, communication and irrigation which should generate substantial employment opportunities for the educated, including technical and other graduates. As per information available, the State Government in their Eighth Plan or in the Annual Plan for 1992-93 have not suggested any special employment scheme for the unemployed engineers.

Project reports regarding Growth centres in States

*148. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of project reports for the growth centre schemes received from each State Government as on March, 1992;

(b) the number of such projects approved by the Apex committee and how many were cleared by the Ministry;

(c) whether it is a fact that the budgetary allocations for these schemes were not fully utilised in the years 1990-91; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to approve the pending project reports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) A statement showing the total number of project reports received from each of the State Governments and the number of projects approved by the Central Government is attached [*See* below].

(c) Out of a provision of Rs. 30 crores in the year 1990-91 a sum of Rs. 15 crores was utilised under the Scheme.

(d) Till the end of March 1992, 48 project reports were received out of which 22 reports have been approved. A sum of Rs. 41 crores has been released towards the approved reports. In addition, to provisional release of Rs. 10.50 crores has been made in respect of reports received upto 31-12-91 and which are under appraisal.